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SUBJECT: CALL ON FONMIN JANOS PETER

1. I CALLED ON FONMIN PETER 1100 SEPT 4. PETER ASKED ME TO CALL ON SHORT NOTICE SINCE HE DEPARTING FOR WARSAW LATE THAT EVENING AND WILL NOT RETURN UNTIL SEPT 8. MEETING EXTREMELY CORDIAL IN EVERY RESPECT.

2. PETER OBSERVED THAT VASTLY DIFFERENT CLIMATE EXISTS IN US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS SINCE OUR ACQUAINTANCE STARTED AT UN IN 1957. SAID THIS IMPROVEMENT HELPED BY SHARP IMPROVEMENT IN US-SOVIET RELATIONS. UNDERSCORED SEVERAL TIMES DURING ONE HOUR CONVERSATION HUNGARY'S GREAT INTEREST IN CONTINUING TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US.

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3. PETER EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF

VISIT BY COMMERCE SECRETARY DENT EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE WHICH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VALYI PERSONALLY ATTACHES TO BEING HIS HOST. SAID HUNGARIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD INFORMED FONOFF THAT, ALTHOUGH SECRETARY DENT'S SCHEDULE BY NO MEANS FIRM, IT LOOKED LIKE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIS VISIT TO BE TO BEGIN IN BUDAPEST SEPT 21-23. IN EVENT THIS NOT POSSIBLE ON THESE DATES ANOTHER HIGH-RANKING GOH OFFICIAL WOULD BE OFFICIAL HOST. INCIDENTALLY, PETER SAID THAT VALYI'S DEPARTURE SEPT 24 IS TO ATTEND MEETING OF COMECON EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

4. DURING HIS WARSAW VISIT PETER WILL MEET WITH JABLONSKI, JAROSEWICZ, GIEREK, AND OLSZOWSKI. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO DISCUSS FURTHER BILATERAL COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AREAS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CEMA PLANS FOR COOPERATION AND SPECIALIZATION.

5. PETER SAID HE WILL BE HEADING GOH DELEGATION TO UNGA LATER THIS MONTH AT WHICH TIME HE HOPES TO PAY CALL ON SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHOSE BOOKS HE SAID HE HAD LONG AGO READ. ALSO INTENDS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FORMER SECRETARY ROGERS AND TO SEND NOTE TO FORMER SECRETARY RUSK NOW RECOVERING FROM MAJOR SURGERY.

6. IN RESPONSE TO PETER'S REMARKS ABOUT HUNGARIAN INTEREST IN CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT US-HUNGARIAN RELATIONS I TOLD HIM OUR DESIRE WAS THE SAME AND THAT I HAD ENCOUNTERED WIDE-SPREAD INTEREST AND FRIENDLY ATTITUDE TOWARD HUNGARY IN ALL MY CONSULTATIONS IN GOVT, CONGRESS AND AMONG BUSINESS AND BANKING LEADERS. I ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CHANGED RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE ENJOYED WIDE AND DEEP SUPPORT AMONG US PUBLIC AND POLITICAL LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES AND SAID THAT WITH CONTINUED EFFORTS ON BOTH SIDES I WAS SURE THIS TREND WOULD CONTINUE. I NOTED I HAD BEEN PRIVILEGED TO PLAY ROLE IN DRAMATIC EVOLUTION OF OUR OWN POLICIES OVER LAST FEW YEARS AND THAT I WAS PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN INFLUENTIAL IN BRINGING ABOUT SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT LAST YEAR.

7. PETER ALSO SPOKE WARMLY OF CONTRIBUTION AMBASSADOR PUHAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD MADE TO OUR GROWING COOPERATION, TO WHICH I RESPONDED THAT I HOPED TO BUILD UPON HIS EXCELLENT WORK IN THE SAME SPIRIT.

8. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH PETER SPOKE HIGHLY FAVORABLY OF HIS RECOLLECTIONS OF AMB LODGE, EVEN THOUGH THEIR CONTACTS WERE IN YEARS RIGHT AFTER 1956. AND HE ALSO REFERRED TO ROGERS' SHARP PRIVATE REMARKS TO HIM FOLLOWING

A PARTICULARLY CRITICAL SPEECH BY HIM AT UN A FEW YEARS
AGO. BOTH COMMENTS MAKE ME THINK A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
STRAIGHT FORWARDNESS IN WHAT WE SAY TO THEM MAY BE GOOD
THING FROM TIME TO TIME.

9. PETER SAID IF LOSONXZI'S SCHEDULE PERMITTED I
WOULD PROBABLY PRESENT CREDENTIALS SEPT 7 OR AT VERY
LATEST SEPT 10. (WORD LATER RECEIVED FROM FONOFF THAT
DATE WILL BE SEPT 10). IT IS QUITE CLEAR FROM COURTESIES
EXTENDED TO ME, WARMTH OF MY RECEPTION, AND SPEED AND
DISPATCH WITH WHICH FONOFF ARRANGING MY PROGRAM THAT IT
IS GOING OUT OF ITS WAY TO SEE TO IT THAT I AM ESTABLISHED
HERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
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